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REFINERY--
BADLANDS.

BOSS? HEY, BOSS?
HOW COME WE AIN'T
STORMING THE
REFINERY?

BECAUSE THE TWO
VARMINTS WHO'RE S'POSED
TO BE OUR BACK-UP...

...ARE BUSY
BEATIN' THE TAR
OUTTA EACH OTHER.

WE DIDN'T WANT *THEM*
HERE, ANYWAY. SO WE
SIT BACK AND ENJOY
THE SHOW.

HOW LONG
WILL WE HOLD
POSITION,
BARON?

UNTIL
BUNNIE HAS THE
SITUATION
UNDER CONTROL,
OR UNTIL SHE
NEEDS US.

MAH LI'L
BUNS IS
ALL
GROWN
UP...

"...AND HOLDIN' HER
OWN AGAINST
SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG."

THICKER THAN **PART** WATER **TWO**

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS

SAND BLAST FREEDOM FIGHTERS
RENEGADES

YOU'RE MAKING THIS
MORE COMPLICATED THAN
IT NEEDS TO BE!

WE
TRASH
THIS PLACE,
EGGMAN
LOSES, AND
WE GO
HOME!

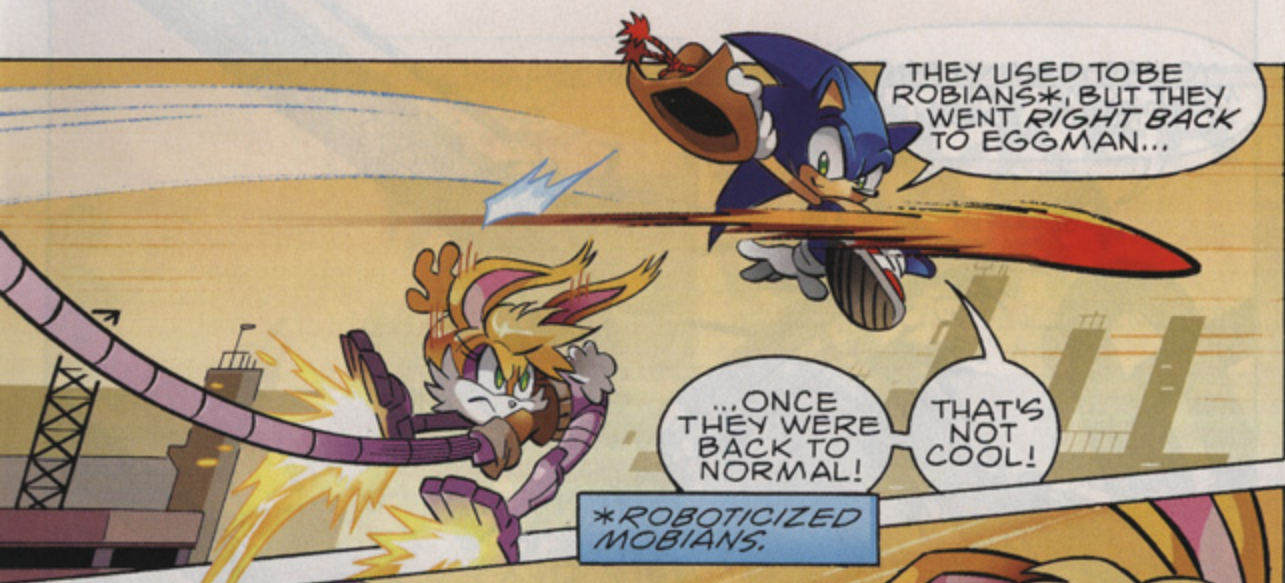
IT AIN'T
THAT SIMPLE!
IF THE SAND
BLASTERS...

...GET
A-HOLD
OF THIS
PLACE--

--THEN
EGGMAN WILL
COME DOWN
HARD ON
THE BARON
AND HIS D.E.L.
CHAPTER!*

YEAH,
ABOUT
THAT...

*DARK
EGG
LEGION.



THEY USED TO BE ROBBIANS*, BUT THEY WENT RIGHT BACK TO EGGMAN...

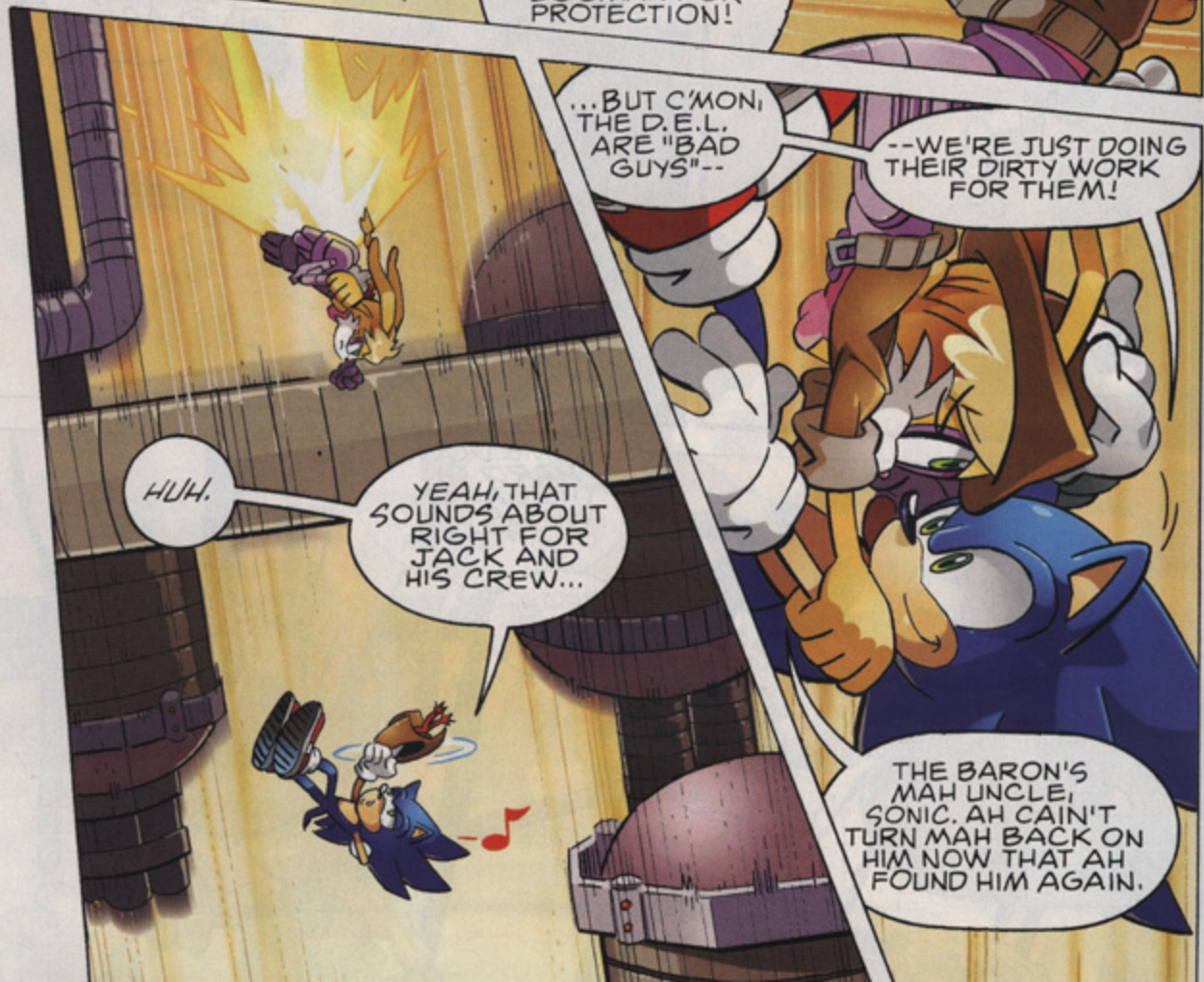
...ONCE THEY WERE BACK TO NORMAL!

THAT'S NOT COOL!

*ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS.



THE SAND BLASTERS ABUSED THEM! THE BARON HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO GO TO EGGMAN FOR PROTECTION!



...BUT C'MON! THE D.E.L. ARE "BAD GUYS"--

--WE'RE JUST DOING THEIR DIRTY WORK FOR THEM!

HUH.

YEAH, THAT SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT FOR JACK AND HIS CREW...

THE BARON'S MAH UNCLE, SONIC. AH CAIN'T TURN MAH BACK ON HIM NOW THAT AH FOUND HIM AGAIN.

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ADVENTURE
HAS JUST
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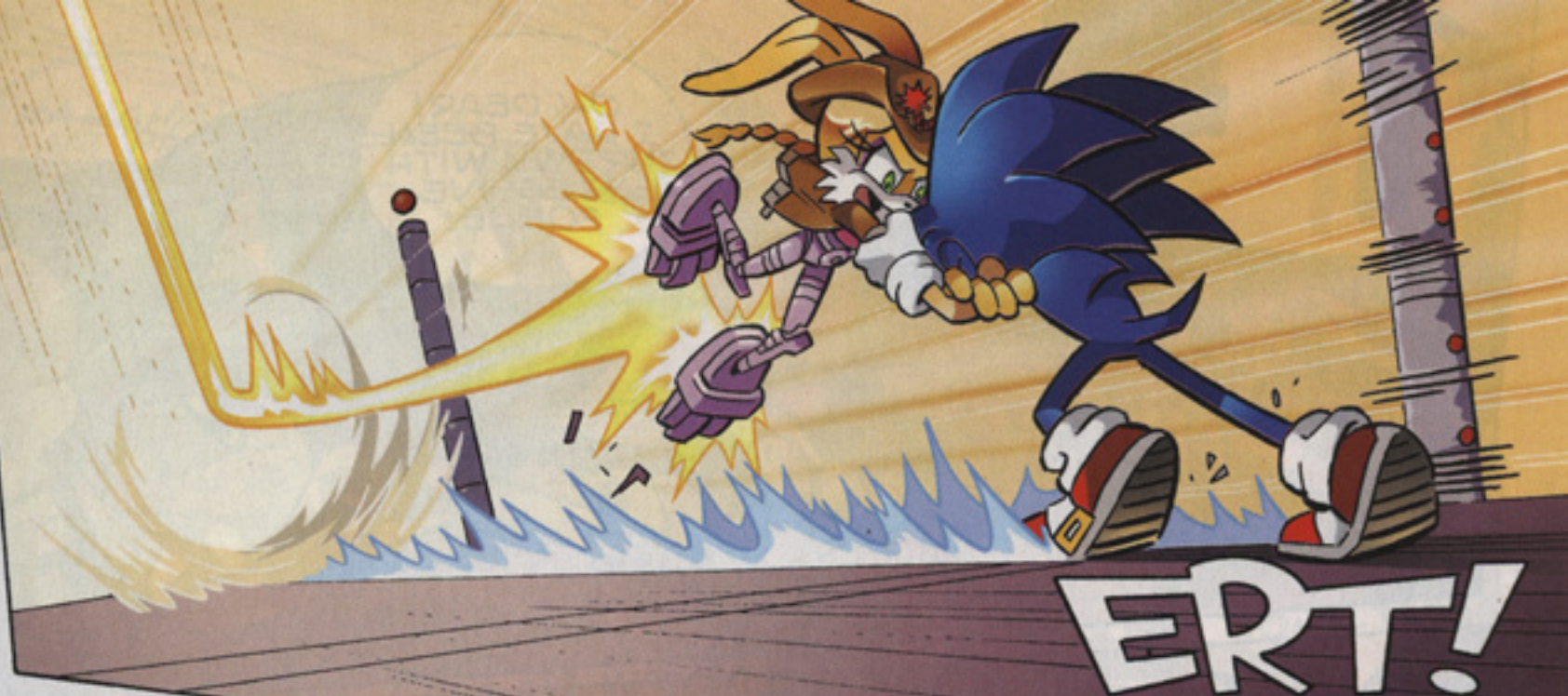
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MAINTAIN THIS PLACE
FOR THE DOC...

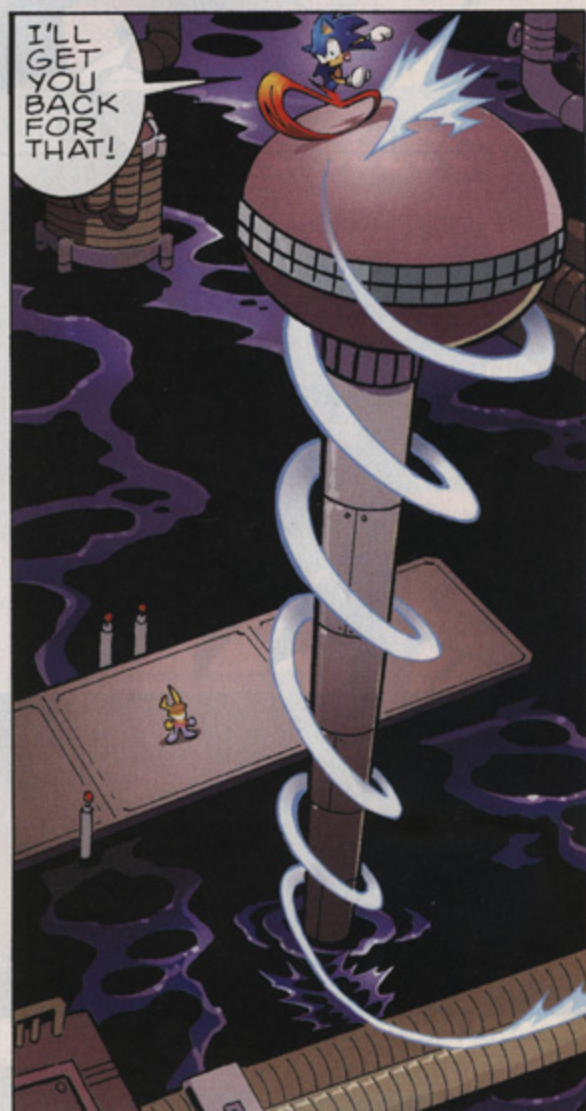
AND
YOU'VE
MADE
YOUR
POINT.

I WON'T LET THE SAND
BLASTERS TAKE THIS
PLACE AND LEAVE YOUR
UNCLE OR HIS GROUP
TO TAKE THE HEAT.

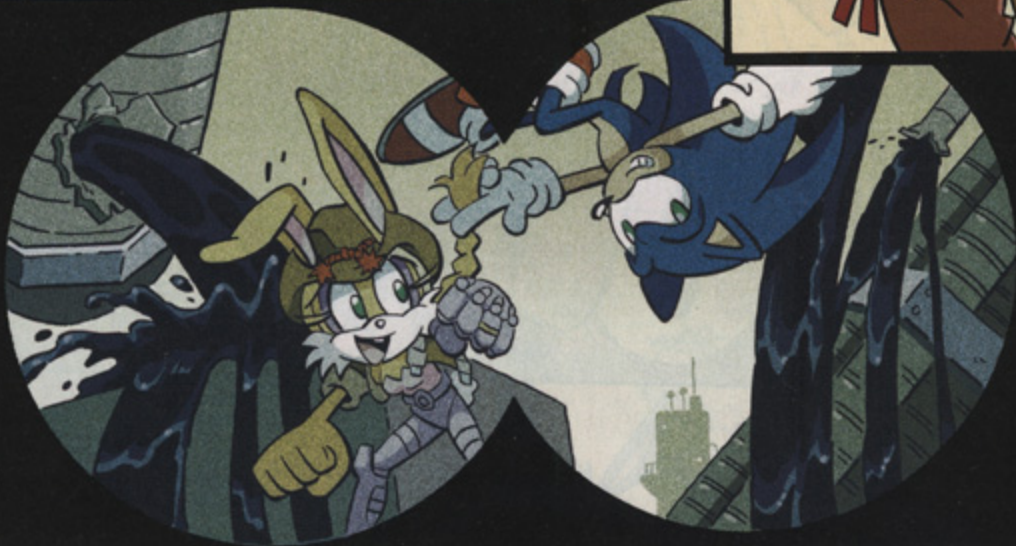
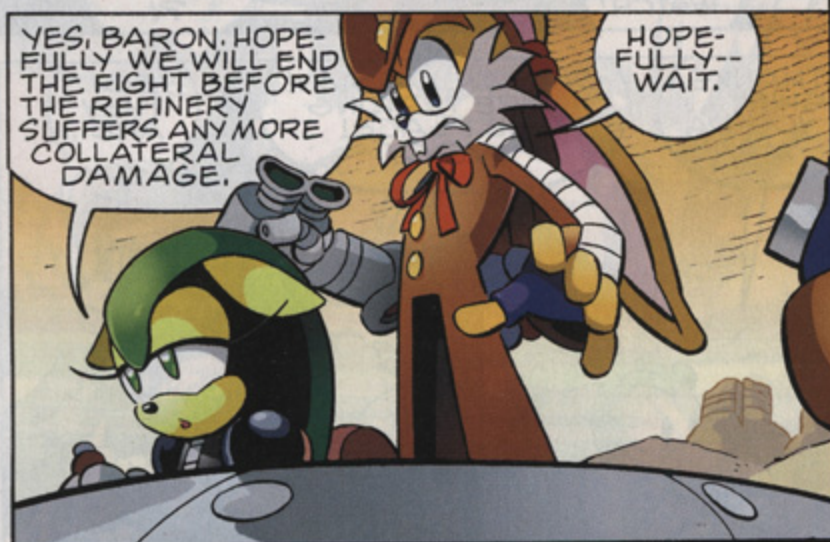
IT'D BE
DIFFERENT IF
IT WAS JUST US
DOING THE
SAME-OLD
HERO STUFF...

YEAH,
THEN THERE'D
ONLY BE US
TO BLAME...









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AND SHE MARRIED A D'COOLETTE.

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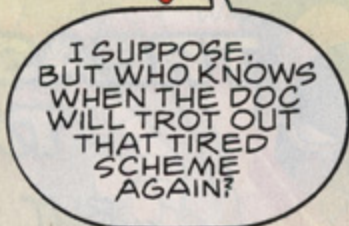
OOPS--LOOKS LIKE THE JIG IS UP, SUGAH-HOG.

AW, AND I WAS HAVING FUN FIGHTING YOU FOR MY VERY LIFE.



OH, SHUSH.

AH'M SURE YOU'LL BE BRAIN-WASHED AGAIN SOON ENOUGH, AND WE CAN TUSSLE S'MORE.



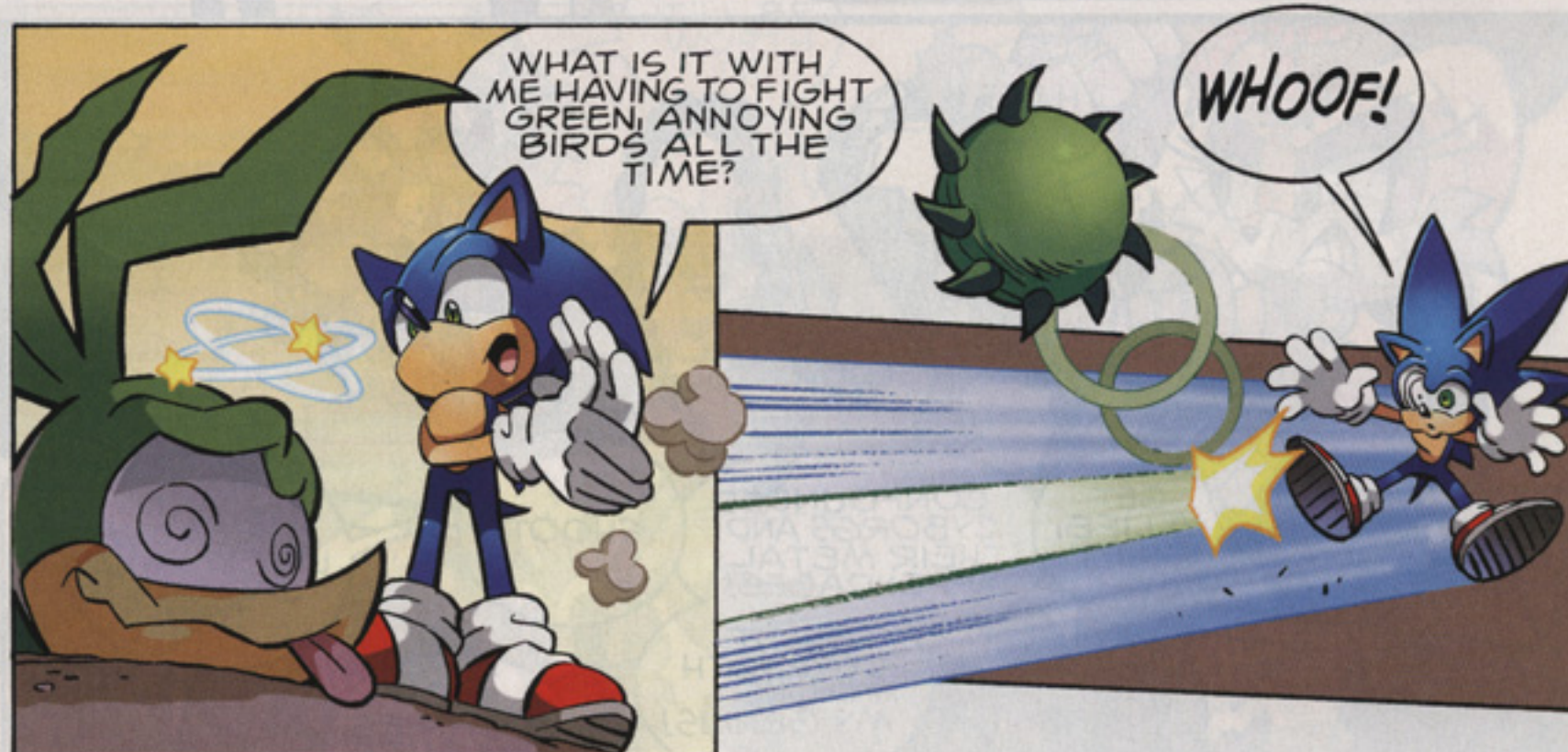
I SUPPOSE, BUT WHO KNOWS WHEN THE DOC WILL TROT OUT THAT TIRED SCHEME AGAIN?



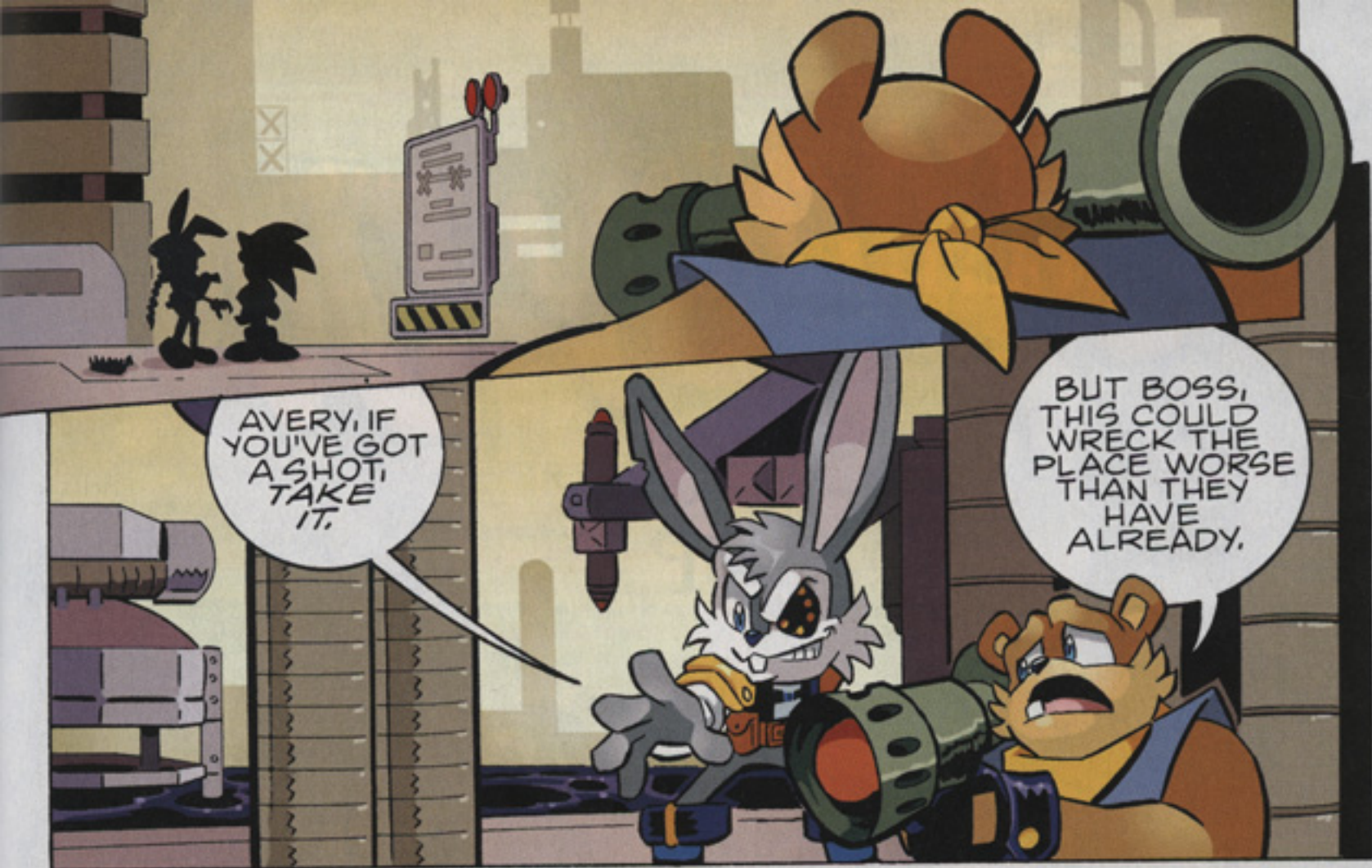
ENOUGH JOSHIN! WE'VE GOTTA DO AS MUCH DAMAGE AS WE CAN BEFORE WE'RE OVERWHELMED.

RIGHT. I'LL HANDLE THE JERKS BELOW. WATCH YOUR BACK OUT THERE.





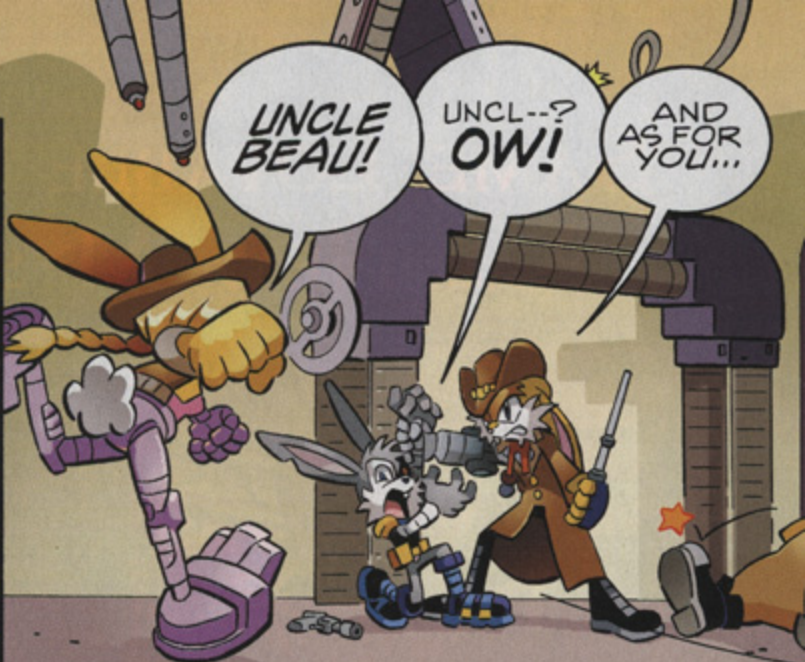






YOU UN-GRATEFUL, BACK-STABBIN' --ARGH!

DON'T YOU DARE LECTURE ME, JACK.



UNCLE BEAU!

UNCL--? OW!

AND AS FOR YOU...



...AH THOUGHT YOU UNDERSTOOD! IT DON'T MATTER WHAT THIS REFINERY IS FOR! IT DON'T MATTER HE'S BUILT A REFUELIN' STATION FOR SOMETHIN' BIGGER THAN ANYTHING HE'S EVER FLOWN!



WE NEED TO PROTECT AND RUN IT UNTIL HE SAYS OTHERWISE. YOU'RE PUTTIN' THE LIVES OF MY ENTIRE CHAPTER AT RISK!



NO, Y'ALL DID THAT THE MINUTE YOU SIDED WITH EGGMAN.

YOU COLD-HEARTED--

--GAH!

SURPRISE!

BWOOO!!!

NOW YOU'VE GONE
AND DONE IT,
MISSUS D'COOLETTE!
YOU'VE DOOMED
US ALL!

NO, AH
HAVEN'T...

WE STOPPED
THE SAND-BLASTERS
FROM GETTIN' THIS
PLACE. WE'VE
STRUCK A BLOW TO
EGGMAN'S PLANS...

...WHAT-
EVER
THEY
ARE.

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...AND WE
SHIFTED ALL
THE BLAME
AWAY FROM
YOU.

WHAT
?

SHE'S
RIGHT.

JUST TELL THE DOC
I WAS INVOLVED,
AND YOU'LL BE
COMPLETELY OFF
THE HOOK. WE
GO BACK A
LONG WAY.

(HE'S GOT
ABIT OF A
COMPLEX.)



YOU CAN'T PLAY BOTH
SIDES FOREVER, BUNS.
ONE OF THESE DAYS,
YOU'LL HAVE TO FACE
US AS A FREEDOM
FIGHTER.

AH KNOW THAT,
UNCLE BEAU. BUT
NOT THIS TIME.

IT'S THE FIRST TIME AH'VE
SEEN YOU IN YEARS. AH DIDN'T
WANT IT TO END IN ANOTHER
FIGHT.

FREEZE!

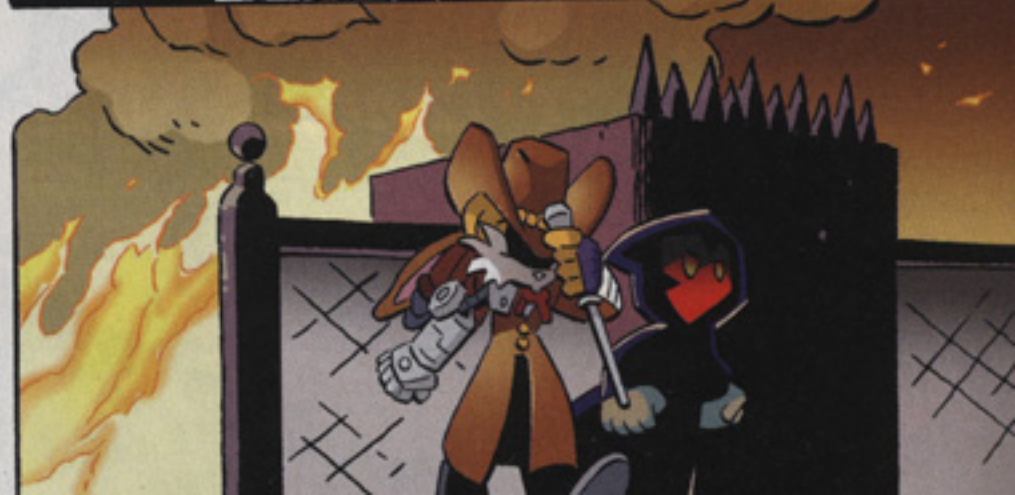


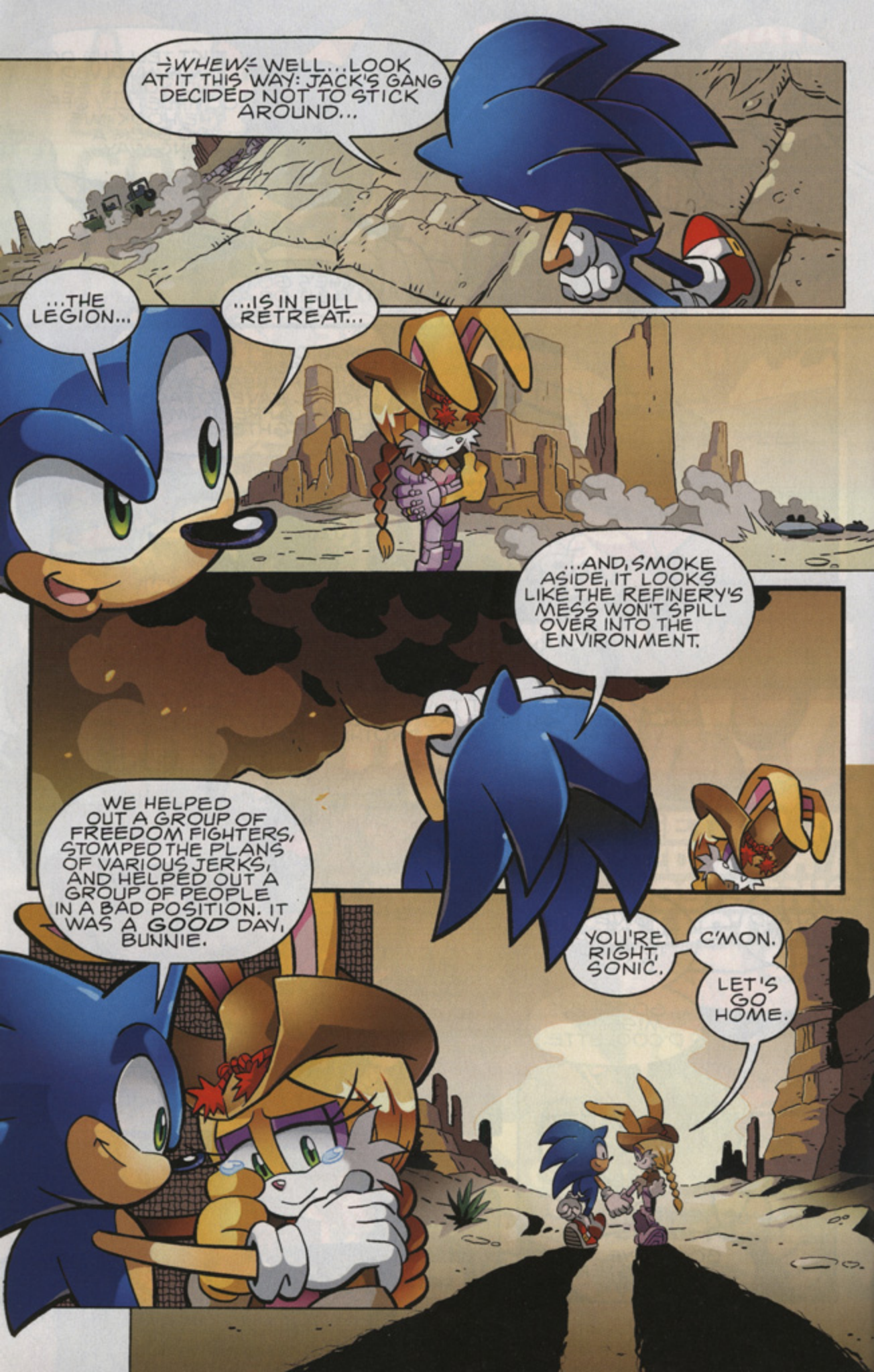
STAND
DOWN.

GIVE
THE ORDER
TO FALL
BACK.

...GOOD-BYE,
MISSUS
D'COOLETTE.

GOOD-BYE,
GRANDMASTER
RABBOT.





→WHEW! WELL...LOOK
AT IT THIS WAY: JACK'S GANG
DECIDED NOT TO STICK
AROUND...

...THE
LEGION...

...IS IN FULL
RETREAT...

...AND, SMOKE
ASIDE, IT LOOKS
LIKE THE REFINERY'S
MESS WON'T SPILL
OVER INTO THE
ENVIRONMENT.

WE HELPED
OUT A GROUP OF
FREEDOM FIGHTERS,
STOMPED THE PLANS
OF VARIOUS JERKS,
AND HELPED OUT A
GROUP OF PEOPLE
IN A BAD POSITION. IT
WAS A GOOD DAY,
BUNNIE.

YOU'RE
RIGHT,
SONIC.

C'MON.

LET'S
GO
HOME.



the SONIC SPIN

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Step 1: The Script. After a pow-wow with yours truly about the plot of a given issue, writer Ian Flynn works out each panel and its respective dialogue in a lengthy and detailed script.

Step 2: Pencil Break-Downs. From there, penciller Ben Bates gets the script and begins to figure out how he wants to construct the page.

Step 3: Finished Pencils. Ben then finishes off his pencils, neatenng things up and leaving as little guesswork for the inker as possible. After all, comics are a TEAM effort!

Step 4: Letters & Inks. Extraordinary letterer John Workman inks word balloons based on Ian's script, which he hands off to comics legend Terry Austin for inks over Ben's pencils.

Step 5: Color. From Terry, the pages meet their final destination with colorist Matt Herms, who digitally renders the planet Mobius like no other!

So to answer your question: "Yes! It is as fun as it looks!" Kids - exercise your own talent and try your hand at making comics! One day you may be creating an issue of **Sonic the Hedgehog** yourself!

Catch ya next month!

Paul

FUN FACT!

"Thicker than Water" was originally intended for STH #213-214, but was moved due to Bunnie's inclusion in Sonic Universe's "The Tails Adventure"!

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ACORN--
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OLIS...

I'M SORRY,
DR. QUACK,
TODAY WAS
SHAPING UP
TO BE ONE
OF HIS
BETTER
DAYS.

IT'S FINE,
M'LADY, I'LL
SEE YOU
TOMORROW.

HONESTLY, MAX.
YOU CAN'T
SHUT OUT
EVERYONE.

NO, NOT
EVERYONE.

WOULD
YOU FETCH
SOMEONE
FOR ME?

OF COURSE, DEAR!
WHO WOULD YOU
LIKE TO SEE?...
SALLY? ELIAS?

NO...
BRING ME
GEOFFREY
ST. JOHN.

WHAT SINISTER
SURPRISE IS
WAITING JUST
AROUND THE
CORNER?
COME BACK NEXT
TIME TO FIND OUT
IN
"IN SERVICE TO
THE KING!"

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NOT YET, AT LEAST.

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Y-YOU COULD'VE JUST SENT F-FOR ME...

I'M NOT HAPPY, SNIVELY. FOR ALL YOUR TREACHERY, YOU'VE NEVER BEEN SLOPPY ABOUT IT.



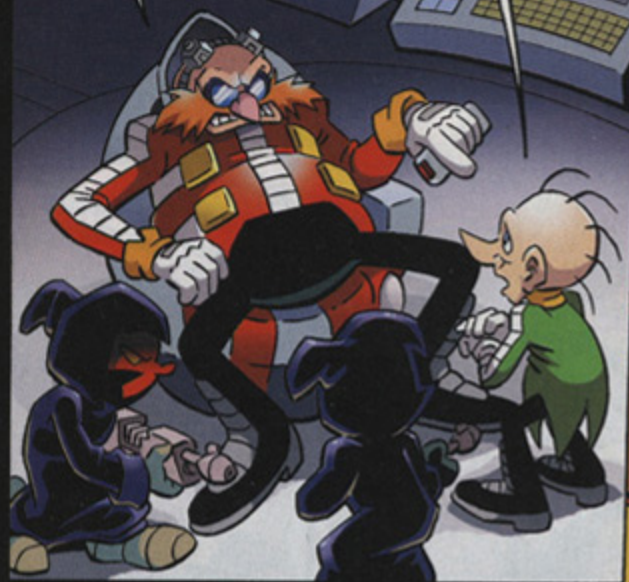
I-I-I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE...

OH, PLEASE. I LET YOU HAVE YOUR FUN WITH REGINA. YOU GOT TO WEAR A CAPE AND EVERYTHING. BUT NOW THAT I'M BACK IN COMMAND, I EXPECT YOU TO FALL BACK INTO LINE!

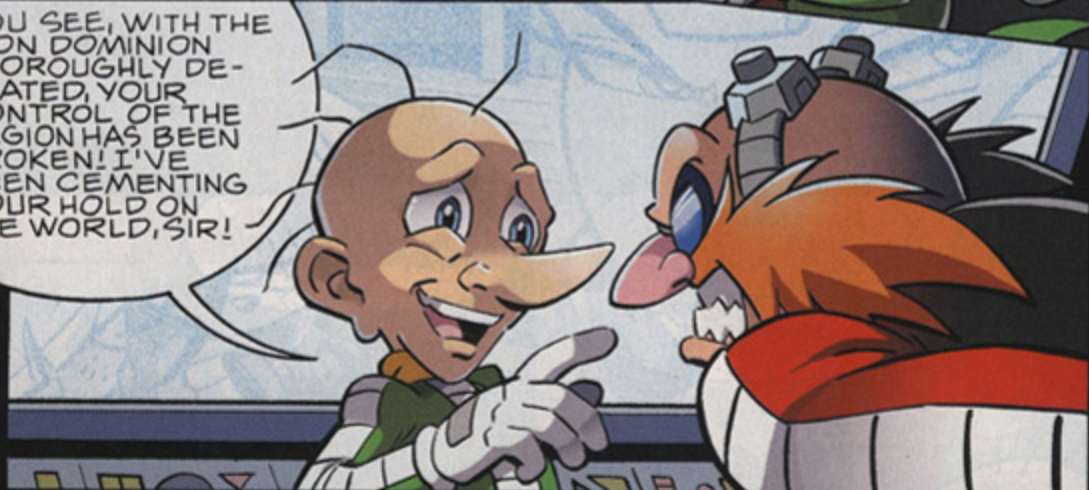
B-B-BUT I HAVE!

YOU'VE MADE MULTIPLE CALLS TO THE DRAGON KINGDOM!

I'VE BEEN SETTING UP THE NEW DARK EGG LEGION CHAPTER!



YOU SEE, WITH THE IRON DOMINION THOROUGHLY DEFEATED, YOUR CONTROL OF THE REGION HAS BEEN BROKEN! I'VE BEEN CEMENTING YOUR HOLD ON THE WORLD, SIR!



WELL, LET'S JUST CHECK THE TAPES AND SEE IF THAT'S SO!



...TAPES?



WHAT AM I SAYING? OF COURSE HE'D RECORD EVERYTHING...

SHHH!

THIS IS THE EGG DOME OF NEW MEGAOPOLIS CONTACTING THE IRON FORTRESS OF THE DRAGON KINGDOM. THIS IS SNIVELY. DO YOU COPY?

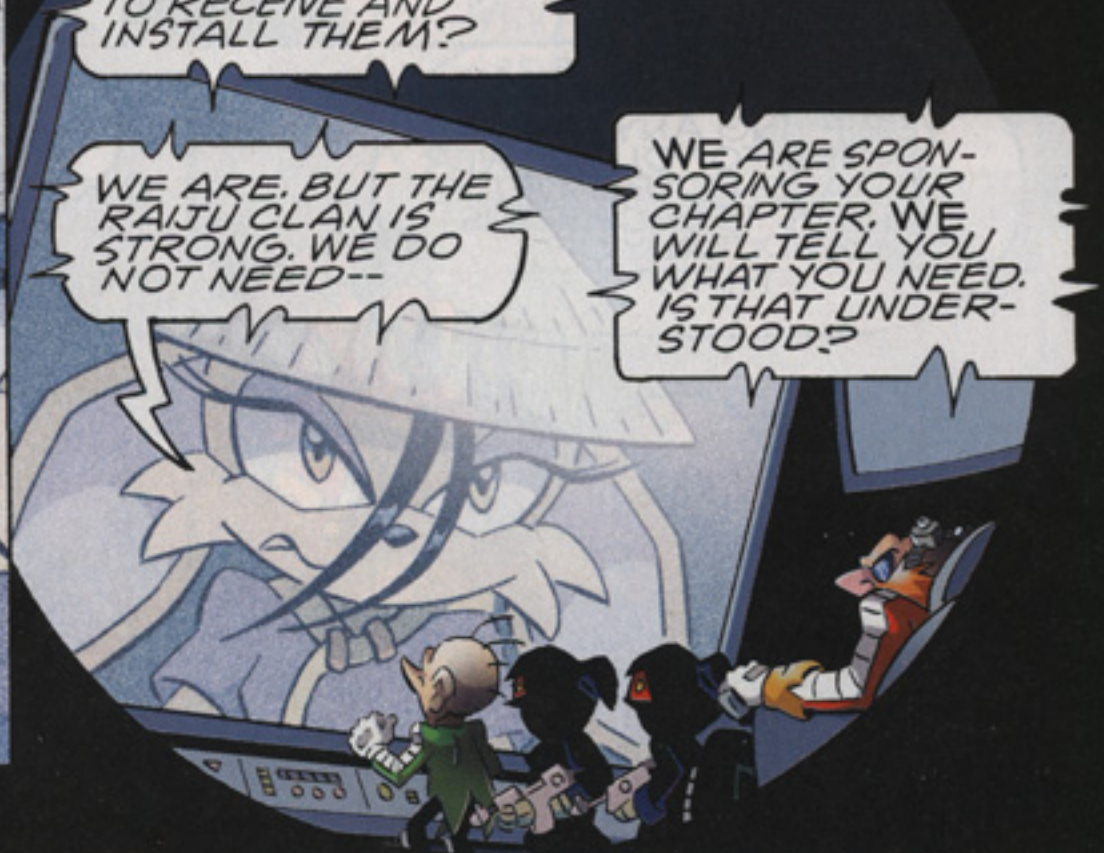


THIS IS THE BRIDE OF THE CONQUERING STORM. GO AHEAD, SNIVELY.

WE WILL BE SENDING THE AUTOMATED LEGIONIZING DEVICES WITHIN THE WEEK. ARE YOU PREPARED TO RECEIVE AND INSTALL THEM?

WE ARE, BUT THE RAIJU CLAN IS STRONG. WE DO NOT NEED--

WE ARE SPONSORING YOUR CHAPTER. WE WILL TELL YOU WHAT YOU NEED. IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?



...YES, SIR.

THERE, YOU SEE? NOW, CAN WE PUT THIS SILLY BUSINESS--



GOOD, NOW, ABOUT THE IRON QUEEN...

--BEHIND US.

SHE'S STILL IMPRISONED
IN THE HEART OF THE FREE
PEOPLE'S LANDS. THAT
PRISON IS STILL MADE OF
STONE, STILL KEPT CLEAR
OF ANY ADVANCED
MACHINERY OR ELEC-
TRONICS. SIR.

VERY
GOOD.
THAT
IS ALL
THEN. SNIVELY,
OVER AND
OUT.

END
TRANSMISSION

W-WELL? TH-THERE
YOU HAVE IT! I'M
VERIFYING ANY CHAL-
LENGES TO YOUR POWER
ARE TAKEN CARE OF! WH-
WHAT'S TREACHEROUS
ABOUT ANY OF
THAT?

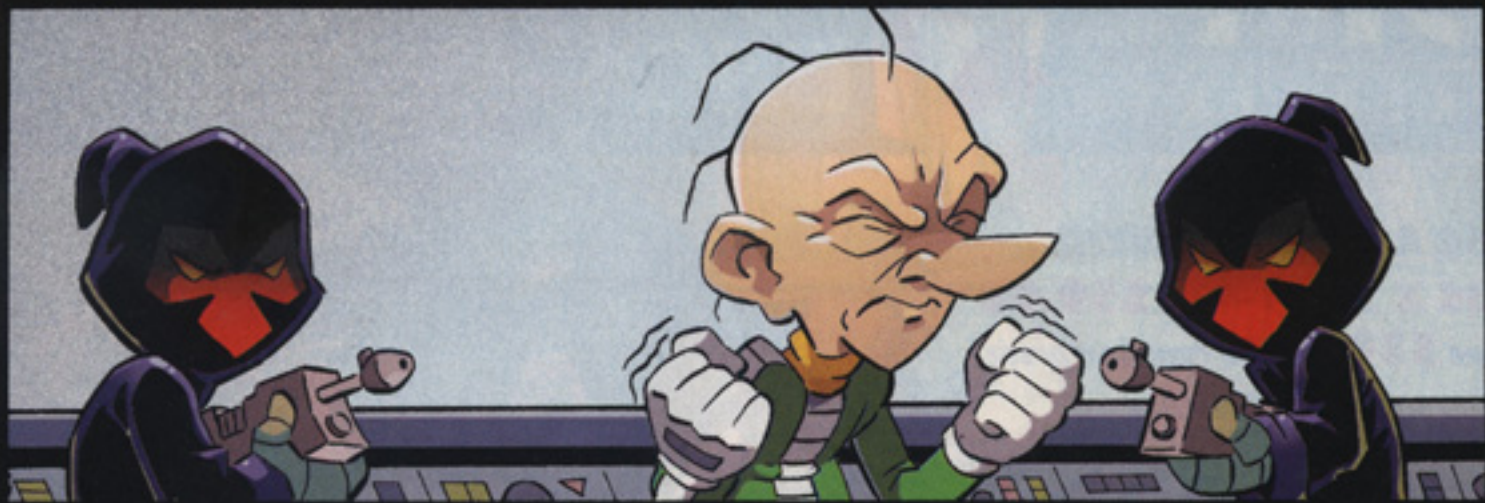
SAY IT'S
OVER.

...WHAT?

SAY THAT
YOUR LITTLE
ROMANCE
WITH THE
IRON QUEEN
IS OVER.

GIVE
HER
UP.

HERE.
NOW.



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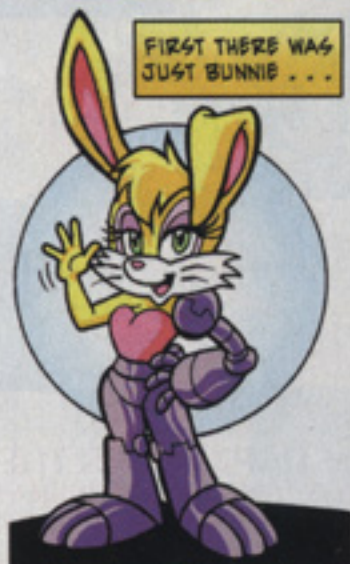
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FIRST THERE WAS
JUST BUNNIE ...



THEN A BUNCH OF
BAD RABBITS CAME
TO THE COMIC ...



AND NOW WE'VE GOT VANILLA,
CREAM AND THIS GUY ADDED
TO THE MIX ...



YOU COULD
SAY THEY'RE "MULTIPLYING
LIKE RABBITS!"

BOOOOOO!



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Dear Sonic Grams,
I am Rachel, and I am a HUGE fan of Sonic!

I am Mr. Sonic Grams, and I am a HUGE fan of Sonic fans!

I want to be a cartoonist for the Sonic comics someday, and I've already made some characters of my own, including one that is supposed to be me! (Rachel the Hedgehog)

That's AWESOME, Rachel! Keep drawing! I tried to make a Sonic character out of myself one time, but for some reason Ian refused to write "Bearded the Hedgehog" into continuity. What can I say? Writers!

I love the comic books, and I can't wait for the next one to come out!!! Oh, and by the way, my friends say that I am SO much like Sonic that I have practically turned into SHE-Sonic!!!

I smell a Spin-off series! Ian? Thoughts?

Plus, I think Mighty the Armadillo is cute. PLEASE BRING HIM BACK! To close this letter, you are all awesome people (except Eggman) especially Tracy Yardley! He ROCKS! I hope my letter gets published! Bye!!

Rachel M.
from Arizona

Thanks for the letter, Rachel! You are correct, we are

indeed all awesome! Especially Tracy Yardley! Have you seen his amazing work in Sonic Universe lately?? Not to mention last issue's back-up story "Welcome Back, Chao!"

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Yo!

YO!

Sonic Comics ROCK!
YEAH!

I've been collecting the Sonic books since 2007's Free Comic Book Day issue, and the comics have been awesome ever since!

Sweet deal! Just wait until this coming FCBD! It's gonna be something extra special!

I have some suggestions, questions AND comments to make, so here goes:

1) Is there going to be a Sonic the Hedgehog/Sonic Universe story arc focused on what happens to Mighty and Ray after issue #212?

You better believe it! Say, speaking of armadillos, see any cool ones lately? Perhaps in this very issue?

2) Are the Babylon Rogues getting their own story arc soon? If they are, I HAVE to see it!

Mwahahahahaha

3) What kind of animal is Antoine? I've never been able

to figure it out.

Coyote. FRENCH Coyote.

4) I think the Wolf Pack is cool! I think wolves are awesome, so I was pretty happy when I found out that there were wolf characters - and good guys too!

A-WOOOOOOOOOOO (She's referring to Sonic #'s 213-214 for those of you who haven't read it yet - check it out!)

5) Are any of you going to be at New York Comic Con 2010?

We are, and we did! NYCC 2010 was an awesome show and thanks to everyone who attended!

6) Who's Jun Kun?

A rather large gentleman. Also known as the IRON KING!

Anyway, great job on the comics! I couldn't decide who to be the #1 fan of, so I'll just say:

Sincerely,
Amanda the Awesome
from New Jersey

Woo! Go Jersey pride! K, guys n gals, that's it for another letters column! But before I go, I want to send a shout-out to The Illustrious Q on the Bumbleking forums for spotting a very VERY obscure "HELP!" reference! Kudos, Q! See ya next month :)

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